Ouray National Wildlife Refuge Vegetation Mapping Project

Coyote Willow / Barren Shrubland (Map Code 5)



Location: Salix exigua | Barren Shrubland stands are found along the banks of the Green River and on islands within the channel. Younger plants establish on the newly deposited, moist sediments nearest the river, while older stands occupy higher portions of point bars and islands in addition to side channels. Occasional coyote willow shrubs grow from dike, levee, and roadway edges and are also observed in intermittent drainages capable of supporting emergent wetlands.

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Signature: This type exhibits a smooth to slightly bumpy pinkish-red signature. Location of this type on coyotes and point bars along the Green River greatly aids in identification.

